

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Dameron Jones

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Title: NEAR INFRARED FLUORESCENT CONTRAST AGENT AND METHOD FOR  
FLUORESCENCE IMAGING

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SIR:

Responsive to the office action of October 18, 2007, please amend the application as follows in view of the concurrently filed RCE.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.